

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Attorney Docket No. 004608.00003)

In re U.S. Application of Trudeau <i>et al.</i>)	
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Application No. 09/994,088)	Group Art Unit: 3733
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Filed: November 14, 2001)	Examiner: Pedro Philogene
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)	Confirmation No. 8571
CLAMPING SURGICAL WIRES OR)	
CABLES)	

RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed November 8, 2006. The Examiner set a three-month period for response, thus making this Amendment due on or before **February 8, 2007**. A request for a one month extension is being filed in conjunction with this paper. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Amendments to the Claims are found in the **Listing of Claims** which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.